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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),  
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/365,081,  
filed on July 30, 1999, entitled Method for Monitoring Spare Capacity of a DRA Network.

**NOTES**

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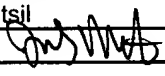
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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This appln claims benefit of 60/099,582 09/08/1998

**Foreign Applications**

**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 08/20/1999

**CPA filed on:** 01/22/2003

**Projected Publication Date:** 05/08/2003

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

METHOD FOR MONITORING SPARE CAPACITY OF A DRA NETWORK

**Preliminary Class**

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